

## **Why College is Important to Me**

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No matter how strong someone is, an individual can always use reinforcement. This is what I think of when I get asked the question, "Why is college important to you?" Having strength is very important to me. From school to sports, I always love to know that I am able to do something amazing at my highest potential. But in my way of thinking, in order to do something amazing, an individual has to spend countless hours behind the scenes learning and perfecting a certain craft. For instance, in order to be amazing at a specific sport, you have to spend countless hours in the gym getting better and strengthening yourself, providing reinforcement for when you get on the playing field. This essentially makes an individual confident in themselves, creating a feeling that they can do anything without fear of failing. In other occasions, students have to do countless math problems in order to get a mathematical method stuck in their head. College, for me, is the countless hours spent honing your skills.

Even the smartest or most athletic people still need strength other than their talents. Being a person that aspires to be the cream of the crop, I believe that if you mix God-given talent with hard work, then you achieve success. I believe that college is the reinforcement, or the hard work that I need to make myself great. Without having a college experience, I believe that an individual can lack social skills, confidence, and strength. Even though some people slip through the college crack and still make it big, I feel like they could be even better if they went to college. College supplies a person with more-than-adequate materials that can make an individual great. It depends on how that certain individual uses the materials to their advantage.

Also, I believe college creates a sense of vision for everyone. College could be a spark for some new ideas for an upcoming entrepreneur, or it can stimulate creativity for an upcoming musician. On the topic of vision, when you go to college, you are able to meet so many different people from different backgrounds. This is very big in the college experience for me. I feel like I will be able to see many different perspectives from around the world by just going to college. The amount of relationships that I can create from college could lead me to a path of success. Even the unluckiest high-schooler could turn

their life around by surrounding themselves with a new group of people that can lead them down a path of success.

All in all, I believe that college creates the augmentation of an individual. The augmentation of an individual leads to reinforcement in a certain field, which can lead someone to a very successful path. Everyone needs strengthening in their life, and what a better way to do it than honing their creativity and field-specific skills while surrounding themselves with different perspectives. Clinton Anderson once said, "Average talent, plus hard work and dedication, will always beat talent by itself." Being talented is just standard, but being talented and hardworking is legendary.